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In Reply Refer to:
EPA File No: 2R-96-R6

Ms. Marina L. Garcia
Jackson-Mahon Neighborhood Association
121 Avenue W.
Lubbock, Texas 79415

Re: DISMISSAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT


Dear Ms. Garcia:


This is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) is dismissing the administrative complaint dated April 24, 1996, filed by Grover Hankins, Esq., on behalf of the Jackson/Mahon Neighborhood Association (JMNA). The complaint alleges violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.* (Title VI) and EPA's implementing regulations, by the City of Lubbock, Texas, and the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC). The complaint requested that EPA investigate both the City of Lubbock and TNRCC for the alleged Title VI violations.

In our December 21, 1999, letter to Mr. Hankins, OCR stated that it would accept for investigation the allegation that emissions from the West Texas Wilbert Vault Company were adversely impacting the minority residents of Lubbock, Texas. However, during the conversation with Mr. Mirza P. Baig of my staff on March 21, 2000, you stated that Mr. Hankins no longer represents the JMNA and that on behalf of JMNA you wish to withdraw the complaint. Additionally, in an April 18, 2001, letter to the TNRCC, you stated that you are withdrawing the referenced complaint that was filed with OCR. Therefore, OCR is dismissing the complaint and will close the complaint file.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mirza P. Baig in QCR by phone at (202) 564-7288, by e-mail at baig.mirza@epa.gov, or by mail to the U.S. EPA, Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,


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Director



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